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HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE?
I THINK IT'S BEEN AN HOUR.
LATE.. WE'LL BE LATE..
LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN LABELED AS A SIMPLE SUICIDE..
IT'S BEEN DECLARED THAT THE HOUSEKEEPER OF A PROFESSOR AT MYEONGSAN UNIVERSITY COMMITTED SUICIDE.
THE HOUSEKEEPER?

ISN'T THAT STRANGE?
ESPECIALLY THAT REPORTER.
쏴아아아
OUR
부우우웅
V-ROOM
HE WAS ON THE MUSEUM CUSTOMER LIST.
AH.

HOPEFULLY
RIGHT?
AH!
BE CAREFUL!!

SCREECH

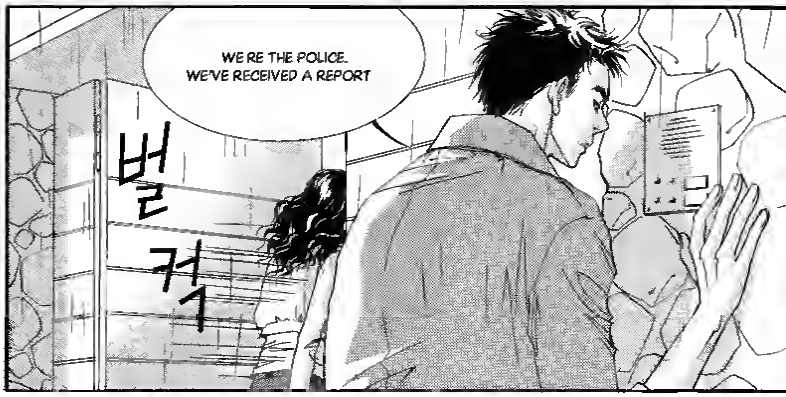
HEY! YOU CAN'T JUST SUDDENLY RUN OUT LIKE THAT!

HEY!!
부아아아앙
VOOM
타다다
DASH

THAT KID--WHY WAS HE IN SUCH A RUSH?
WE'RE THE ONES IN A RUSH--HURRY UP AND GO--

NO, WE'RE ALREADY HERE.

IT'S THIS HOUSE
RIGHT HERE

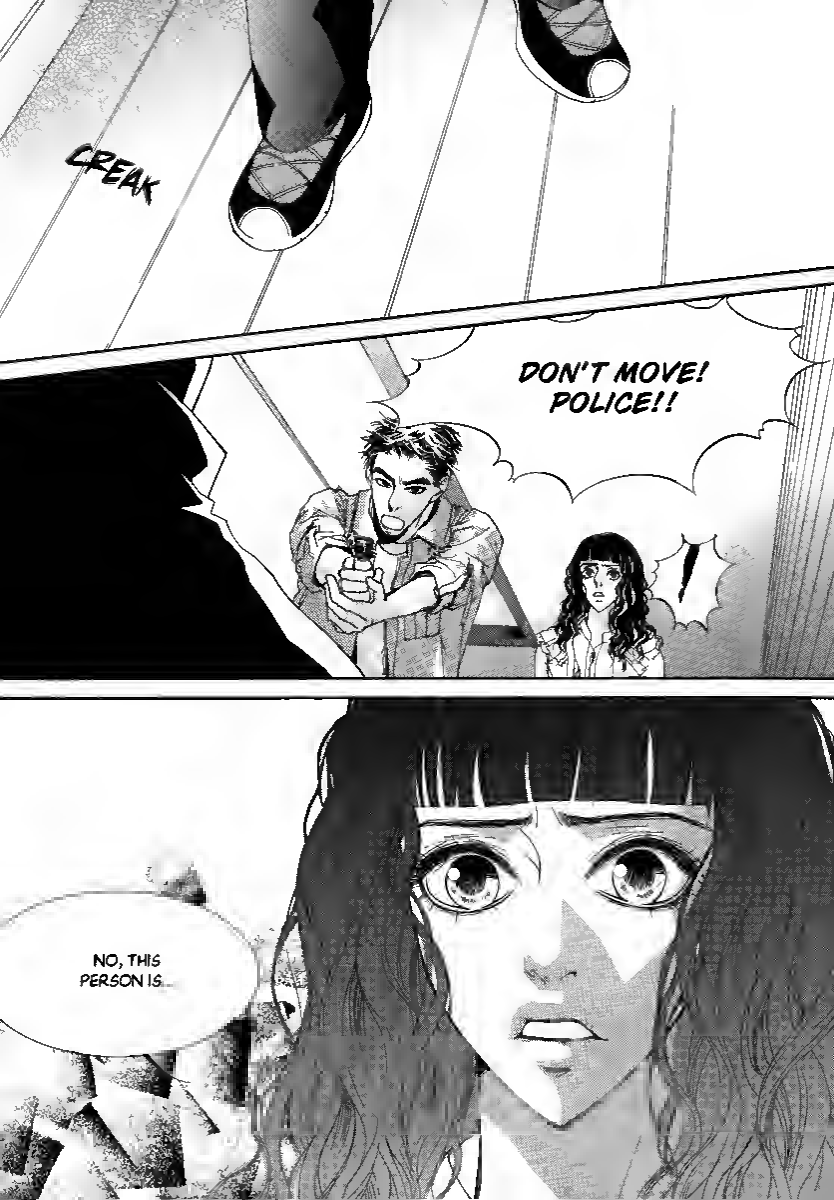

WE'RE THE POLICE.
WE'VE RECEIVED A REPORT
벌컥

SFX: DASH

HEY---YOU CAN'T JUST WALK IN WITHOUT PERMISSION LIKE THAT...
HAVING THE GATE OPEN LIKE THAT IS A SIGNAL TO COME IN

THE FRONT DOOR IS OPEN TOO.

IT'S THE SMELL OF BLOOD
IT DEFINITELY SAID THAT HE HANGED HIMSELF FOR NOW, FOLLOW BEHIND ME
IT'S THE 2ND FLOOR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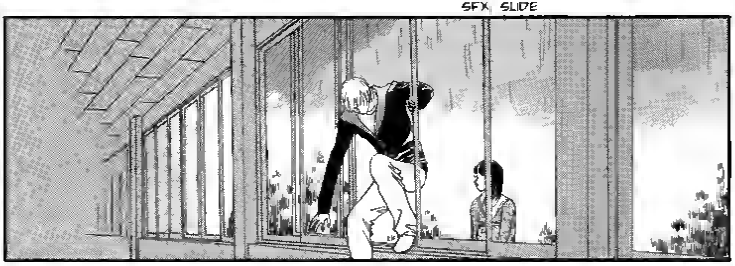
DON'T MOVE! POLICE!!
!
NO, THIS PERSON IS...

MEDICAL
EXAMINER SHIN.

SFX SLIDE



DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
CHANGE INTO THIS YOU MIGHT CATCH A COLD.
I'LL LOOK FOR SOME GYM CLOTHES IN ANOTHER CLASSROOM
THANKS—

HE'S NOT DEAD YET. FOR NOW, I'VE STOPPED THE BLEEDING AS EMERGENCY FIRST-AID.
I'VE CALLED 119 SO A RESCUE TEAM SHOULD BE HERE SHORTLY.

HOW DID YOU KNOW TO COME HERE?
PLEASE COME TO THE STATION AND TELL US ABOUT IT
ARE YOU SAYING— I'M THE PRIME SUSPECT FOR THIS CRIME?
THE PROFESSOR'S INJURIES WERE SELF-INFLICTED, AND THE HOUSEKEEPER COMMITTED SUICIDE.
IF IT'S A CRIME, YOU WON'T FIND ANY OF MY FINGERPRINTS ANYWHERE, BUT IF YOU WANT TO QUESTION ME, I'LL COOPERATE
HAVE YOU SEEN... THE BOOK...?

THE BOOK... WAS HERE ALL ALONG
ARE YOU SAYING THAT IT REALLY EXISTS?
DO YOU HAVE IT?

IT WAS TAKEN AWAY...
BY A BOY WHO LOOKED LIKE
HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL.
HE TOOK THE BOOK AND
JUMPED OUT THAT WINDOW
LIAR!
YOU'RE VERY
SUSPICIOUS! HOW
WERE YOU ABLE TO COME
ALL THE WAY HERE TO FIND
THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE
BOOK? AND AREN'T YOU
HIDING SOMETHING ABOUT
THE BOOK FROM US?!

MY PREDICTION JUST HAPPENED TO BE RIGHT
I DON'T HAVE THE BOOK

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
THAT STUDENT FROM BEFORE...
THE ONE THAT ALMOST GOT HIT BY THE CAR

WHY? WAS HE HOLDING A BOOK?
NO, NOT THAT—
I THINK I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE.
WHO WAS IT...

AT THAT SCHOOL WHERE THE LIBRARIAN COMMITTED SUICIDE!
HE WAS ONE OF THE STUDENTS THAT WERE IN CHARGE OF THE LIBRARY!
AH...
COULD THAT KID HAVE TAKEN THE BOOK?

WHY...

YOU...
REMEMBER...
ME...

YOU...
REMEMBER...
ME...

REMEMBER...
US..
TAKE US OUT..

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...
TAP
IT'S ALL... YOUR FAULT...

DRIP
GASP!!!
IT ALL STARTED WITH YOU
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE...

FLAP

AHOHOHOH!
SCREECH

철퍽
THUMP

KYAAAAAK!!
EUN SAE!

OH NO, THE BOOK!!!
EUN SAE!
쾅
SFX SLAM
Pant
Pant

WHERE DID YOU GO—?!
WEEWOO
WEEWOO

ARMED AND TRESPASSING
YOU DO KNOW WHAT A SERIOUS PROBLEM THAT IS, RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN EXACTLY 10 YEARS SINCE WE'VE MET FACE TO FACE, BUT FOR IT TO BE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES...

I'VE ASKED THE POLICE TO LET US TALK FOR JUST 10 MINUTES
SINCE IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT WANT TO TELL ME
I'M JUST SORRY FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU

I WAS DETERMINED TO BECOME A MEDIAL EXAMINER BECAUSE OF YOU DO YOU REMEMBER?
BACK THEN…IN THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE
YOU WERE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, AND IT WAS MY LAST DAY WORKING AS A MEDICAL EXAMINER.
I CAUSED A HUGE UPROAR BACK THEN.

EUN KYUNG!
EUN KYUNG!!
SFX. CRASH
와장창
GO AWAY!
DON'T LAY A HAND ON MY FRIEND!!

ROLL
AH, I'M SORRY. THIS STUDENT SUDDENLY RAN BACK HERE AND IS MAKING A SCENE
YOU ALL BETTER NOT LAY A HAND ON MY FRIEND!!

YOU DIED RESENTING ME, DIDN'T YOU? THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT?
I'M SORRY... I'M SORRY...
THOSE WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND HAVE MORE TO DO THAN SIMPLY TO SUFFER

THEY MUST DETERMINE THE FINAL FEELINGS OF THAT PERSON—
LET'S TRY TO QUIETLY LISTEN TO YOUR FRIEND'S LAST WORDS
THIS PLACE—IS THAT KIND OF A PLACE

THEN...WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT MY FRIEND IS SAYING?
OF COURSE—
YOUR FRIEND DEFINITELY DOESN'T HATE YOU
WHY WERE YOU SO INTERESTED IN ME BACK THEN?

YOU KEPT TAKING CARE OF ME EVEN AFTER THAT.
BECAUSE WE WERE BOTH HURT—
I'D LOST MY BELOVED WIFE THEN.
I PROBABLY SAW MYSELF IN YOUR HOWLING EYES

FATE IS A STRANGE THING
IT FEELS LIKE EVERYTHING'S CONNECTED
YOU KNEW ABOUT THE BOOK, CORRECT?

SFX HA

WHERE WOULD A BOOK
LIKE TO GO THE MOST—

BEWARE OF THE LITTLE GIRL.

!
IT'S THERE!
D'IP
D'IP
CREAK
CREAK

CREAK
CREAK
I..I'M SCARED .

I'M SCARED...
SAVE ME...
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
KYUNG DO...

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EVIL WISHES YOU
A HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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MY FACE THAT SPILLS OUT
FROM BETWEEN MY FINGERS.
MY MIND THAT MELTS INTO THE ABYSS...
THE EVERLASTING NIGHT...
THEY'RE A NIGHTMARE FROM
WHICH I CANNOT AWAKEN.
ILLUSTRATION: ZDZISŁAW BEKSIŃSKI

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
EUN SAE—
WHERE DID YOU GO ?

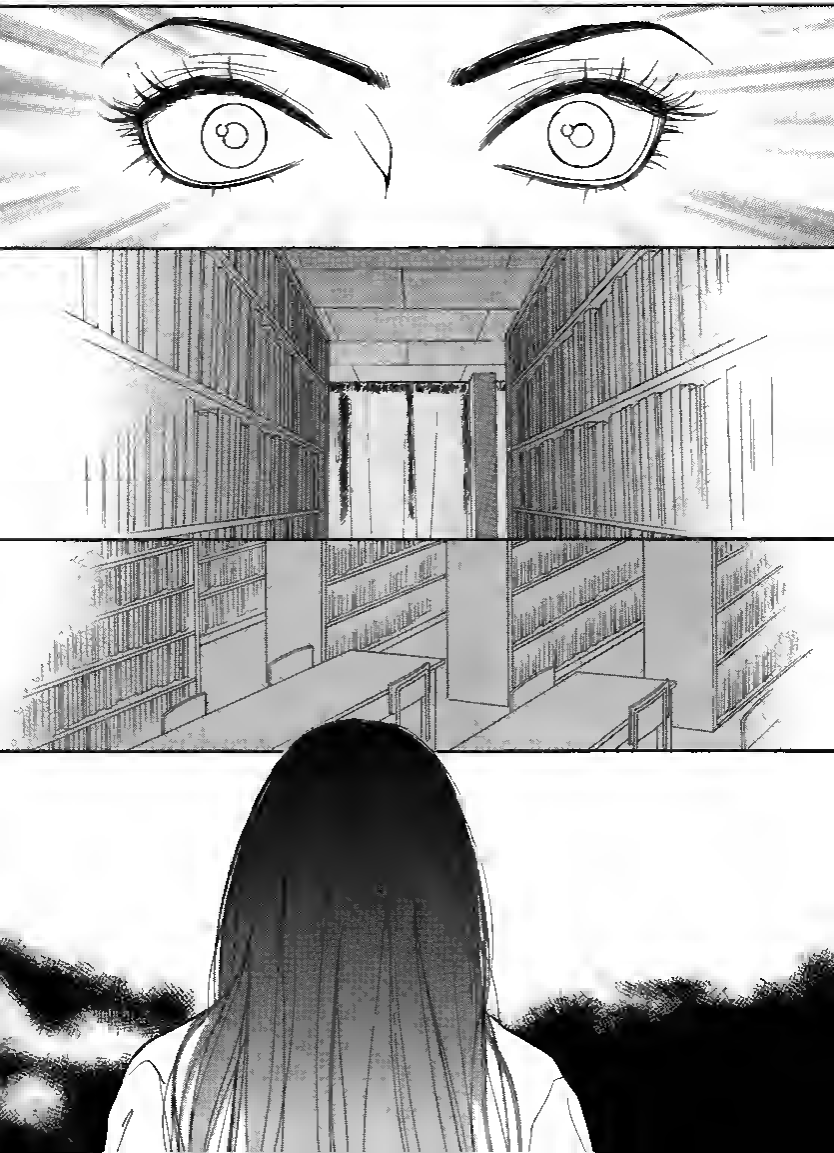
FATHER ?

I..HAVE TO
FIND MY FRIEND...

SMIRK

THE BOOK IS YOURS..
STOP!
PLEASE STOP, I'M BEGGING YOU—

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
THAT'S RIGHT, EUN SAE'S OVER THERE!



PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.

INVESTIGATE THE FINGERPRINTS ON THE GUN AND WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS FIRED THIS IS A VIDEOTAPE THAT WAS DISCOVERED IN THE STUDY
LIBRARY...
ARE YOU LISTENING?

AH...
HUH?
YOU'RE GOING TO THE LAB, RIGHT? SINCE I'LL BE GOING TO THE HOMES OF THE STUDENTS IN CHARGE OF THE LIBRARY
SLAM

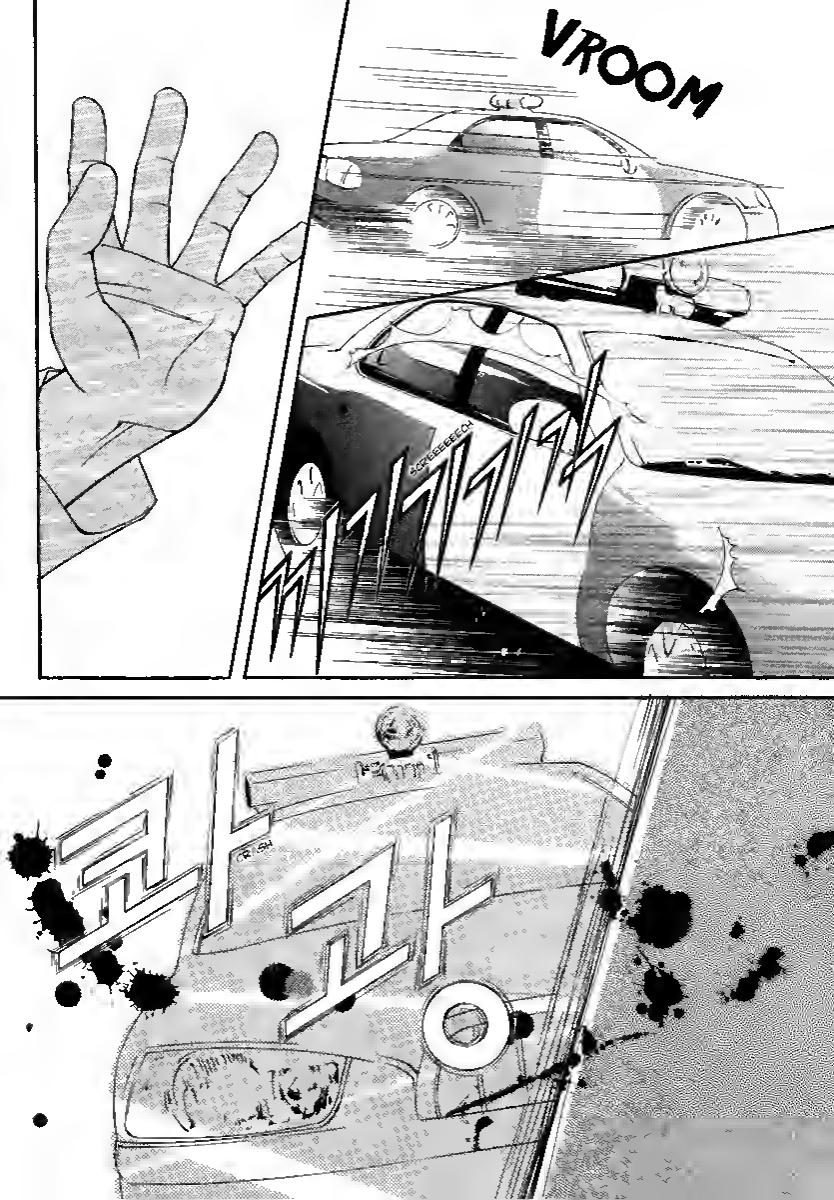
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
LOOK..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, BUT PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING DANGEROUS
THAT SUSPICIOUS MEDICAL EXAMINER SHIN ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WORRIED ABOUT YOU--

I'M OFF—
VROOM
SHIT!

SHE JUST MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO RELAX—
WEEWOO
WEEWOO

WHY DIDN'T THEY HANDCUFF ME?
IT'S NOT AS IF WE'RE TAKING YOU AS A SUSPECT ALSO, THERE WAS DETECTIVE CHOI S REQUEST—
HMPH, HOW FORTUNATE.
BESIDES, EVER SINCE I WAS A ROOKIE COP, I'VE HEARD MANY STORIES ABOUT YOU YOU'RE QUITE THE CELEBRITY.

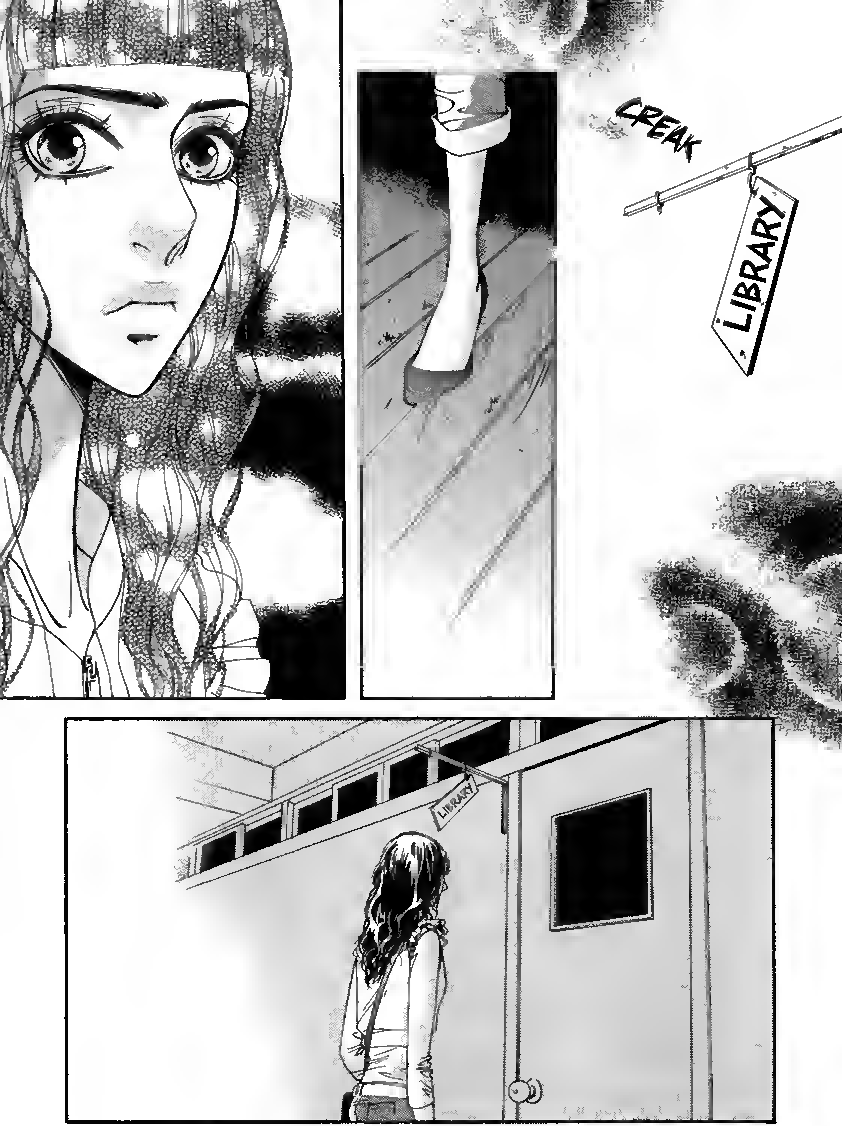
I WAS CONFIDENT WITH HUMAN BODIES ESPECIALLY WITH DEAD PEOPLE—
BUT I'M ALSO CONFIDENT WITH LIVE HUMAN BODIES
...? AH... YES... IS THAT SO.
I BEST PUT YOU TO SLEEP FOR A BIT.
PARDON?

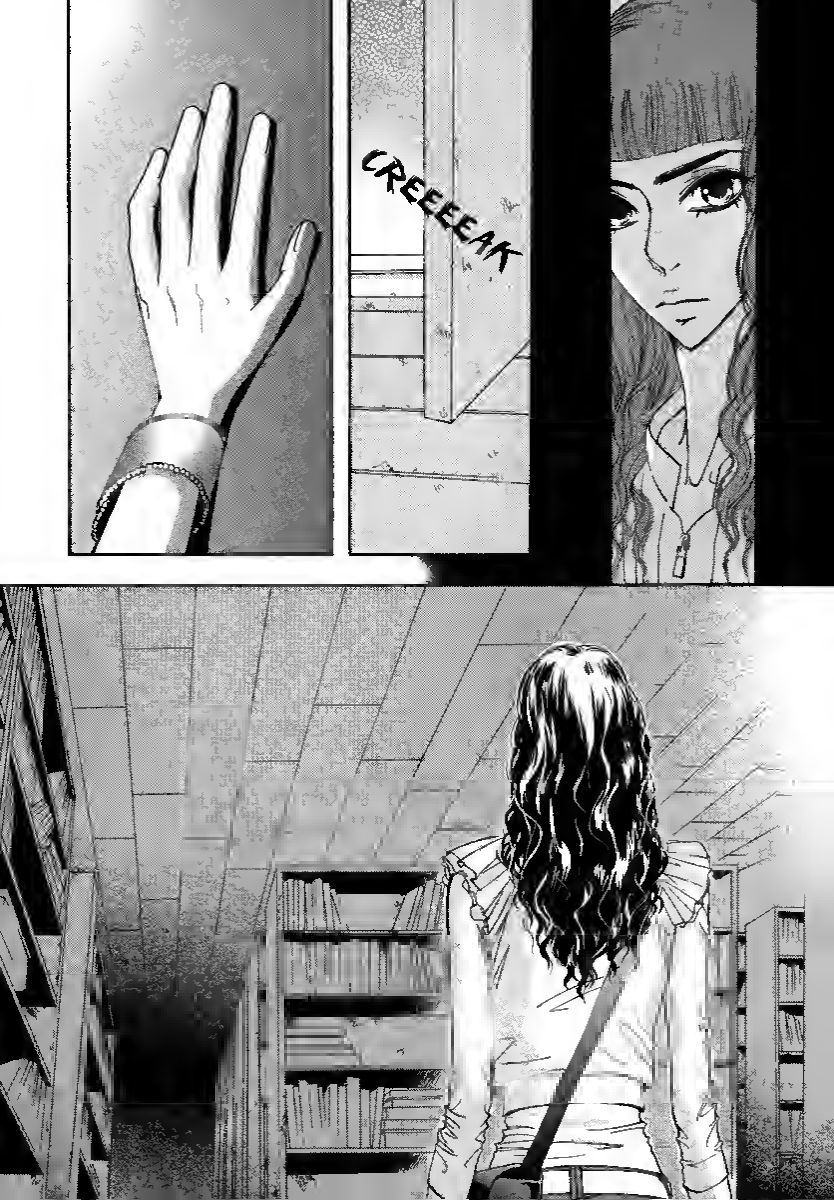

VROOM
SCREEEEECH
HELLO

CREAK
CREAK
CREAK

STUPID KID
IF YOU KNEW I WAS HERE RIGHT NOW, THAT'S WHAT YOU'D PROBABLY SAY.
GIVE ME STRENGTH

HAVE YOU
FINALLY COME?


CREAK
LIBRARY
LIBRARY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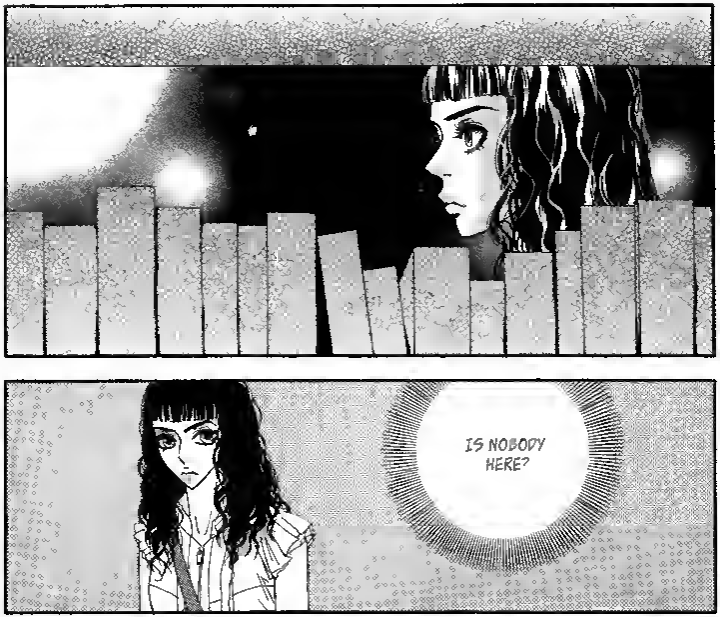
IS NOBODY HERE?
SOB...

SOB...
SOB...
SOB...
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THE MOMENT I FIND MY TRUE SELF,
I WILL DISAPPEAR. MY WORLD WILL DISAPPEAR,
AND ONLY INSTINCT WILL REMAIN, SEARCHING
FOR TRACES OF MEMORIES AND STRUGGLING
AGAINST AGONY, WHILE REGRETTING ALL THE
TIME I SPENT LOOKING FOR MYSELF...

ILLUSTRATION: ZDAGLAW BE, SIN, SIN

I'M DETECTIVE CHOI OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SECTION OF THE SEOUL NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY. I CAME IN SEARCH OF THE STUDENT NAMED KYUNG DO LEE.
KYUNG DO ISN'T HOME RIGHT NOW
WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?

I'M LOOKING FOR THE BOOK THAT YOUR SON TOOK
AH...
BY BOOK YOU CAN'T MEAN...
DO YOU KNOW OF THE BOOK THAT HYUN JUN LEE WAS READING 10 YEARS AGO AT THE TIME OF HIS SUICIDE?
H...HOW DID YOU...

IT LOOKS LIKE THAT BOOK WAS POSSIBLY HIDDEN IN YOUR SON'S HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS
HOW COULD THAT...
THE TRUTH IS THAT KYUNG DO TRANSFERRED TO THAT SCHOOL LAST YEAR AFTER MUCH PERSISTENCE...
FOR THAT TERRIBLE BOOK TO BE WITH OUR KYUNG DO...

THE TRUTH IS THAT KYUNG DO'S FATHER... COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER READING THAT BOOK
SO I IMMEDIATELY GAVE IT AWAY TO THE PEOPLE WHO CAME LOOKING FOR IT
BUT AFTER THAT, KYUNG DO GOT VERY SICK FOR NO CLEAR REASON
Mom...
Dad didn't die
He keeps talking to me...

THE PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL SAID THAT IT WAS DUE TO THE TRAUMA OF WITNESSING HIS FATHER'S SUICIDE AND THAT HIS SYMPTOMS WOULD GET BETTER, AND THEY REALLY SEEMED TO
BUT I WAS ALWAYS UNEASY THAT THE BOOK MIGHT BRING DOWN ANOTHER CURSE ONTO OUR FAMILY...
AH...
IS HE POSSIBLY

IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY?
KYUNG DO DID ALWAYS SAY THAT HE WAS LATE COMING HOME BECAUSE HE WAS AT THE LIBRARY
THE LIBRARY
RING
DETECTIVE KIM?

WHAT HAPPENED?
THE SUSPECT KNOCKED ME OUT AND RAN AWAY, DETECTIVE CHO!!
WEEWOO
WEEWOO
WHAT? HOW IN THE WORLD DID THAT HAPPEN!
It happened so suddenly...
SHIT!
THIS IS WHY I DON'T LIKE MEDICAL EXAMINERS.
WHY CAN'T HE JUST QUIETLY DISSECT CORPSES?!

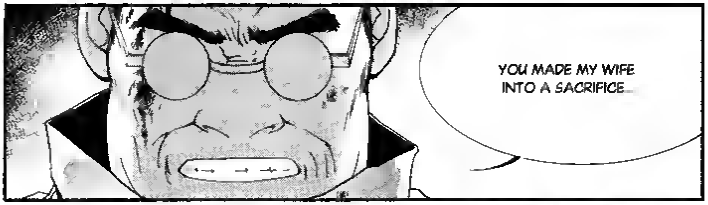
DETECTIVE!
PLEASE BRING ME TO THE LIBRARY AS WELL.
I CAN'T LOSE KYUNG DO TOO

DRIP
DRIP
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME

YOU'VE ALREADY LOST THE GAME WITH ME. AREN'T I ALIVE WHILE YOU ARE DEAD?
BUT YOU— STILL...HAVEN'T SOLVED MY RIDDLE, HAVE YOU?

!
MY ALIBI WAS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE IT OUT. SO I'M THE ONE WHO WON THE GAME.
YOU MURDERER!!!

DO YOU INDEED HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT? YOU WERE THE ONE WHO ENJOYED OUR GAME—


YOU MADE MY WIFE INTO A SACRIFICE...

GAMES HAVE A MORE EXCITING TASTE OF PROGRESS WHEN THEY ARE MORE PROVOKING...

I'D HOPED YOU'D DO YOUR BEST TO REVEAL THE PERSON WHO KILLED YOUR WIFE.
YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A PITIFUL SPECTER WITH YOUR BODY ALREADY PERISHED. THERE'S NO USE IN BLABBERING AWAY LIKE THAT.
DO YOU THINK THE GAME IS OVER?

SLIDE
THE SECOND I CAME ACROSS THE BOOK, A DIFFERENT GAME STARTED...
WHAT?
CHUCKLE
CAN YOU SOLVE THIS RIDDLE?

AH...FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUN OF THE GAME, WE'LL SURELY NEED A SACRIFICE THIS TIME TOO, RIGHT? LET'S SEE...
I CAN SEE SOMEONE IN YOUR EYES.
A WOUNDED CHILD... HER FRIEND DIED... THE ONE WHO CRIED AND HELD ON...
THE GIRL HAS BECOME A SPECTACULAR LADY, RIGHT?
CHUCKLE
STOP IT...

I SAID STOP IT!!!!!
SLAM
UGH
HEH HEH HEH. YOU'RE STILL A SENTIMENTAL PERSON.

I'VE BECOME ONE WITH THE BOOK.
INDEED... WILL YOU BE ABLE TO STOP SOMEONE LIKE ME?
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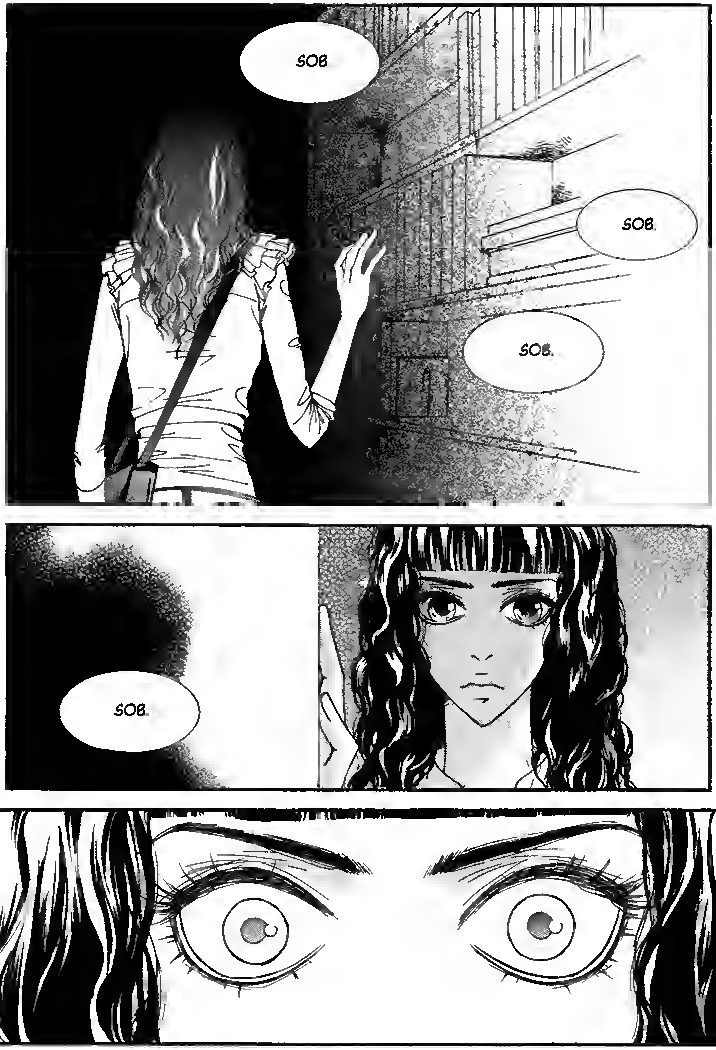
SFX: CHUCKLE
NO...


SOB.
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EUN
KYUNG

IT'S NOT EUN KYUNG
SHE'S THE STUDENT
I MET AT THE LIBRARY
THAT TIME
WHAT ARE YOU DOING
HERE AT THIS HOUR ?
GO AWAY
DON'T
GET CLOSE

NOW I—
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED.

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THE LIBRARY IS ON THAT SIDE.
I SEE.

WILL YOU WAIT HERE?
NO.
I'LL GO TO THE LIBRARY TOO.
THE TRUTH IS, THERE WAS A SUICIDE IN THE LIBRARY NOT VERY LONG AGO. IT MIGHT STILL BE A BIT GHASTLY.
OK...

GASP

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE
...
THE STAIRS ARE AT THE END OVER THERE

KYUNG DO AND HIS FATHER SEEM ALIKE, IN THAT THEY BOTH LIKE BOOKS
HH, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE READING CLUB?
... THEY WERE THAT TYPE.
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S A COINCIDENCE OR NOT, BUT I FOUND KYUNG DO'S FATHER'S NAME, LEE HYUN JUN, ON THE ROSTER OF THE BURNT DOWN BOOKSTORE S READING CLUB

A GROUP OF MADMEN...
PARDON?
IT SERVES THEM RIGHT TO HAVE ALL WALKED STRAIGHT INTO HELL ONE BY ONE.

BUT NOT OUR KYUNG DO
IT CAN'T TAKE KYUNG DO AWAY FROM ME TOO!
KYUNG DO~!!
SFX: DASH
ACK!

WHY IS SHE LIKE THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
STED
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
CAN YOU HELP ME?

WHAT THE ... YOU!!!
LET'S GO TO THE LIBRARY
JI WAN IS IN DANGER

CREEK
CREEK
I ENDED UP FINDING OUT_
WHO I REALLY AM

HEY,
ARE YOU OK?
DON'T COME
NEAR ME!!
SFX. CRASH
콰광
AH....

NO...

THERE'S NO WAY THAT WOULD HAPPEN...

WHAT...?

RUN AWAY
SFX DRIP
SFX DRIP

아아아아

BEWARE OF THE LITTLE GIRL.

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01

SFX: RIP

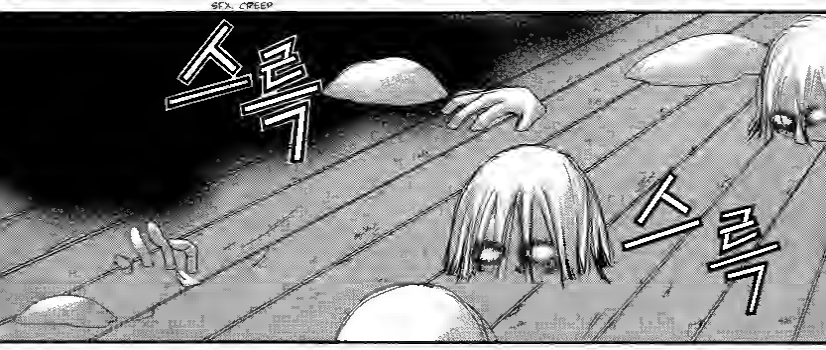
GRAB
TH ... THIS IS ...

A BOOK ...
SFX: AHHH
I WAS TRICKED!!!

SFX. BURST

SFX. TEARER

SFX. CREEP



IT'S A SOUL...
SHE'S ALIVE...
FLESH...
SKK CREEL
스륵
스륵
스륵

GO AWAY!!
THIS IS A HALLUCINATION!
아아아
SFX: KYAAA
AHHHHH!!!
IT'S A HALLUCINATION!!

I CAN'T BE EATEN BY THAT BOOK!
EUN SAE, STOP IT!!

YOU'RE EUN SAE, RIGHT?
DON'T LOOK AT ME!!

DROP
PANT
PANT

IS THIS ME...?
IS THAT IT ...?

YOU..
ARE THE MOST WONDERFUL AND CRUEL...
BOOK IN THE WORLD.
FATHER ...
THE LEGENDARY BOOK THAT WILL BE THE LAST
THAT ANYONE READS.

AND AWOKE AFTER 10 YEARS UNDER THE NAME OF EUN SAE.
YOU BECAME A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT....
BUT WHY DID YOU REFUSE TO AWAKEN LIKE THIS?
IS IT BECAUSE YOU ENJOYED THE ORDINARY DAY-TO-DAY LIFE WITH MY SON?
THIS DOESN'T SUIT A GOD OF DEATH LIKE YOU.
SO HURRY UP AND REVEAL YOUR TRUE NATURE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DON'T BOTHER EUN SAE!
YOU WERE A LITTLE GIRL WHEN YOU PICKED ME UP.
IT SEEMED LIKE YOU TOOK A LOT OF JOY IN TAKING MY LIFE...
AH...

NO, IT'S NOT!
I DIDN'T KILL ANYBODY-!!
THAT'S HOW YOU KILLED ME-
타앙
SEX BANG

파아앗
FLUTTER
A GUNSHOT?!

JI WAN HAD A GUN!
JI WAN!!!
PLEASE...
BE SAFE!!!

HOW DID
THIS HAPPEN?

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BECAUSE I REACHED THE THRESHOLD OF DEATH AND RETURNED...
BUT I CAN SEE THINGS CLEARLY NOW...

ACCORDING TO RESEARCH, THE BOOKS IN THE ANCIENT LIBRARY OF ALEXANDRIA WEREN'T BOUND LIKE THIS ONE,
BUT ROLLED IN PARCHMENT.
HOW DARE YOU RUIN THE BOOK.
SHOULD I TELL YOU ABOUT THE ORIGINAL FORM OF THIS BOOK?

THIS IS HUMAN SKIN.
A BOOK MADE FROM A PERSON..!

JUST WHO WAS IT THAT MADE YOU INTO SUCH A TERRIBLE FORM?
STOP IT!

UGHH
AHHHHHH!!!!
DRUM
DRUM

I SHALL GIVE YOU
ETERNAL LIFE!
FATHER!
SAVE ME!

I...
A LONG TIME AGO...
WAS TURNED INTO A BOOK BY... MY SHAMAN FATHER

JI WAN-!!
KYUNG DO'S MOTHER?!
SHH-

YES
IT'D BE BEST NOT TO INTERFERE
INTERFERE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ...
STAB

AH...
FROM HERE ON, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE TO FINISH AS A FAMILY.
DETECTIVE ..

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GOODBYE...
THE LAST SOUNDS SCATTER IN THE WIND AND MY TEARS DIG INTO THE BONE-DRY EARTH.
I GUESS I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU ANYMORE.

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STAGGER
Drop
PANT
PANT

I ONLY...
DID WHAT THEY WANTED.

IF THEY WANTED DEATH, I WOULD OPEN THE BOOK FOR THEM...
IF THEY WANTED SILENCE, I WOULD CLOSE IT
OVER THOSE LONG YEARS, COUNTLESS PEOPLE HAVE AWOKEN AND PUT ME TO SLEEP
AM I THE ONE WHO WOKE YOU UP?
T... THEN...

WERE ALL THESE DEATHS BECAUSE OF ME?!
ONCE YOU TAKE A BOOK OFF THE SHELF—
YOU'RE DOOMED TO RUN TOWARDS THE END.
YOU TOLD ME TO ONLY LOOK FOR THE BOOK.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING AND WERE ONLY USING ME?!
I WAS PROMISED ETERNITY INSIDE THAT BOOK AT THE COST OF MY BODY.
BUT I COULDN'T BE SATISFIED WITH THAT.
I...
WANT TO WIELD MY POWER IN THE REAL WORLD, TOO.

BUT WITHOUT A BODY,
I NEEDED A DELEGATE,
AND YOU, MY SON,
WERE THE RIGHT FIT
ALL YOU HAVE TO
DO IS OPEN THE
BOOK TO THIS WORLD
AS ITS MASTER.
THEN THE REASON
I SURVIVED WAS
ALSO BECAUSE...

KYUNG DO, IT'S BECAUSE
YOU TOLD ME TO STOP
SINCE YOU'RE
MY MASTER RIGHT NOW

KYUNG DO, COMMAND IT! TELL IT TO DISAPPEAR SO IT CAN NEVER TAKE ANOTHER LIFE AGAIN!
CLICK
THEN DOESN'T THAT MAKE EVERYTHING EASY?
YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED, RIGHT? THIS KID KILLED YOUR DAD, TOO
NOW, GO AHEAD-!!

MOM...?

퍽아악
SFX: STAB
푸우 악
SFX: SWOP
ACK!

THAT BOOK
IS OUR KYUNG DO'S
I CAN'T FORGIVE ANYONE
THAT GETS IN THE WAY.
HA. DARLING,
YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME
NERVOUS WITH YOUR
PROCRASTINATION ...

NOW, YOU KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THAT ANNOYING GIRL, RIGHT?
NOD
CREAK

YOU CAN'T!!
UGH-
DROP...
THAT KNIFE...

MR. SHIN...
YOU'RE ...

HYUN JUN, SO THIS WAS YOUR TRICK
YOU HATCH THE MURDER PLAN- AND YOUR WIFE EXECUTES IT
I'VE UNRAVELED YOUR PERFECT ALIBI!!
ISN'T IT?
THAT'S HOW YOU MURDERED MY WIFE 10 YEARS AGO

THAT...
WAS OUR MOST SATISFYING PIECE OF WORK...
YOU TWO ARE DEMONS! HYUN JUN, I'LL SEND THIS WOMAN STRAIGHT TO HELL NEXT TO YOU!!!
YOU CAN'T! PUT DOWN THAT GUN! YOU'LL BECOME A MURDERER TOO!

JI WAN...
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE TRUTH OF THE BOOK CLUB?
...I'M ALREADY A KILLER.
...WHAT...?
IT'S A GROUP OF MURDERERS DISGUISED AS A MYSTERY GROUP.
독서클럽

A GROUP THAT EXPERIMENTS AND PRACTICES TECHNIQUES ON HOW TO CONCEAL A KILLING.
THE SUBJECTS WERE MOSTLY HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH NOWHERE TO GO.
THE DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY CORPSES CAME INTO THE AUTOPSY ROOM, AND I DISCOVERED THEIR KILLING AND CONCEALING TECHNIQUE
BUT I ALWAYS REPORTED THEM AS NATURAL DEATHS-
BECAUSE THE PRESS AND POLICE WON'T CARE ABOUT THE CORPSES OF THE HOMELESS ...

AND...
BECAUSE I ALSO WAS IN THE BOOK CLUB
...WHAT?
GIVING QUIZZES, SOLVING PROBLEMS... THAT WAS OUR GAME PROCESS.

THE ONE WHO PRESENTED THE RIDDLES WAS MAINLY HYUN JUN.
AND I WAS THE ONE WHO SOLVED
WE WERE IN A STRANGE COMPETITION.
AREN'T YOU USING TOO LENIENT OF A TRICK?
IF YOU CAN'T DECEIVE ME, YOU WON'T DECEIVE ANYONE.
WAIT AND SEE. SOON, I'LL TOSS YOU A TORMENTING PROBLEM THAT YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SOLVE.

!!
THE PROBLEM'S ANSWER ...
WAS MY WIFE
I REALIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME THEN
WHAT WAS I DOING WITH THEM THIS ENTIRE TIME...!!!
I COULDN'T FORGIVE MYSELF NOR HYUN-JUN AND THE ENTIRE BOOK CLUB!!

I HAVE TO CURSE THEM, EVEN IF IT MEANS I HAVE TO SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL! NO, I HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM ALL!!
AND THAT'S- WHEN I SAW THE BOOK ...
DO YOU WANT DEATH?
I'LL OPEN HELL'S DOOR FOR YOU

HOW LONG HAS THIS BOOK BEEN WAITING FOR A MASTER IN THIS BOOK STORE?
THAT'S THE MOMENT THAT MY DESIRE TO CURSE AND KILL THE MURDERERS AND THE BOOK'S YEARNING COLLIDED
ALL RIGHT! LET'S USE THIS BOOK, JUST TO KILL YOU, HYUN JUN!
PLEASE GIVE THIS BOOK TO HYUN JUN

THIS BOOK IS DANGEROUS.
YOU MUST BE VERY AWARE OF ALL THE EVIDENCE I HAVE TO EXPOSE THIS BOOK CLUB
BESIDES, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET RID OF HYUN JUN, WHO IS BECOMING MAD FROM ALL THE MURDER
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PASS THIS BOOK TO HIM THAT'S ALL I'M DEMANDING FROM YOU.

FOR SOME REASON, THE BOOK CLUB MEMBERS WANTED TO CLEAN IT ALL UP BY SACRIFICING YOU.
BUT THAT WASN'T AN EASY TASK.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WERE THE MASTER OF THE BOOK, YOU COULDN'T CHOOSE WHO TO SACRIFICE. BECAUSE ANYONE WHO OPENS THAT BOOK DIES.
BUT BACK THEN ... UNLUCKILY, YOUR FRIEND WAS SACRIFICED, TOO.

THAT'S HOW I CAME TO KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THAT BOOK WAS
MR. SHIN...
THAT'S RIGHT... 10 YEARS AGO I WAS THE MASTER OF THAT BOOK
IT WAS ALSO I WHO HASTILY PUT THAT BOOK TO SLEEP AND DISAPPEARED!

BUT FOR THE BOOK TO HAVE REAWAKENED BECAUSE OF THAT MURDERER!!!
I MUST PUT THAT BOOK TO SLEEP! THAT IS MY LAST DUTY!
YOU'RE NOT THE BOOK'S MASTER ANYMORE. YOU'RE JUST A PITIFUL, POWERLESS HUMAN.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL BE PUT TO SLEEP FOREVER!
NOW MY DREAMS WILL BECOME REALITY!!!

PERFECT MURDERS!
THE COMPLETION OF THAT BEAUTY!!
THE GREAT ACHIEVEMENT THAT BOOK WILL ACCOMPLISH!!
KYUNG DO, COMMAND THE BOOK
TELL IT TO KILL THOSE TWO

KYUNG DO, YOU CAN'T!! YOUR PARENTS AREN'T SANE. YOU CAN'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES THEY DID!!
YOU'RE THE MASTER OF THE BOOK!!! HURRY UP AND TEST THAT STRENGTH!!!
AHHHHH...

IF WE GET RID OF THE BOOK'S MASTER, THE BOOK MUST GO TO SLEEP, TOO!!!
DON'T LAY A HAND ON KYUNG DO!!!

EUN SAE, NO!
DON'T DO IT!!!!
AH
OH
OH

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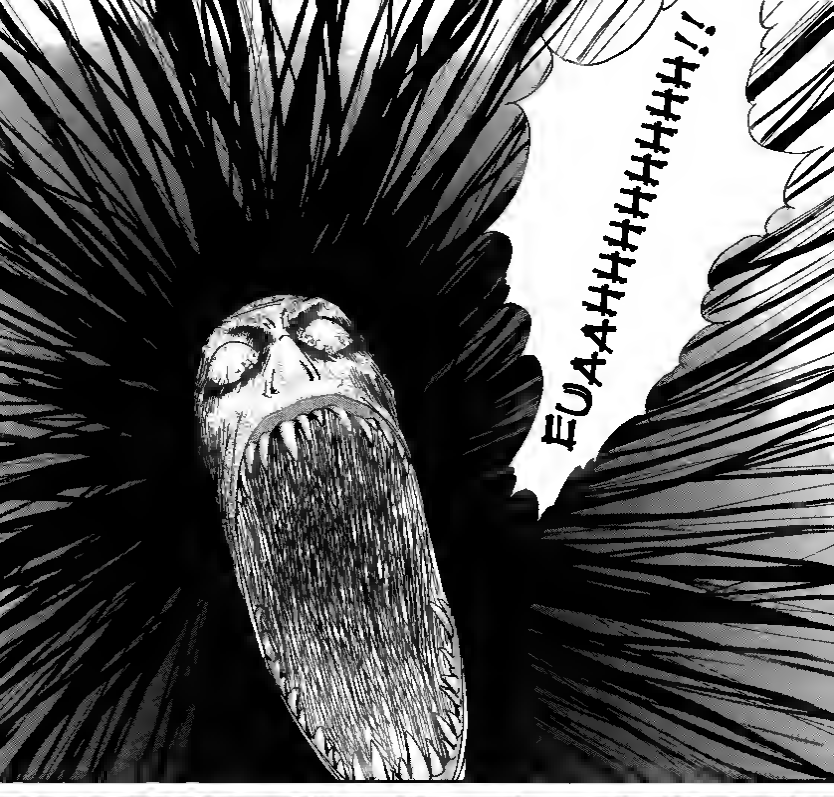
SFX: CRACK


EUAAHHHHHHHHH!!

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SKY TREK
I'LL NEVER

BE...
SUCKED INTO ...
THAT BOOK!!!!!
SFX. AHH
MR. SHIN-!!
SFX. BANG
타앙!

AAHHH!!!
SFX THUD
SFX CLACK
SFX WHOOOSH

EUN SAE
WHY DID YOU
GO THIS FAR...
BECAUSE...
I SAID I'D
PROTECT YOU...

BECAUSE YOU'RE
THE ONLY ONE
WHO'S EVER BEEN
MY FRIEND...

EUN SAE
CLOSE THE BOOK UP NOW...
LET'S STOP IT HERE...

KYUNG DO-NO!!
ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN EVERYTHING!!
STOP HIM...
TREMBLE
STOP THAT KID...
TREMBLE
I WON'T LET ANYONE WHO OPPOSES ME GO!!
EVEN IF HE'S MY SON!!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG I'VE BEEN WAITING IN HELL FOR THIS DAY?
FATHER...
HELL SUITS YOU

으아아아아

KYUNG DO!!
SFX PIERRE

MOM!!
SPLURT
MOM!!

YOU'RE ALL A BUNCH OF FEEBLE-MINDED IDIOTS.
FINE ... I'LL ... GO BACK ...
I'LL LET GO OF MY PAIN ... AND AMBITION ... AND DESIRE ...
ABOVE ALL, I'LL FORGET WHO I AM ...
TO THAT PLACE THAT MELTS COUNTLESS SOULS IN A SEA OF BLOOD ...

BUT YOU
WILL NEVER BE ABLE
TO ESCAPE THE CURSE
OF THE BOOK
AHH...

EUAHHHHHH!!!

PANT
PANT
BASTARDS_ THEY'RE TAKING FOREVER TO COME AND HELP_
IDIOT, STOP TALKING YOU'RE IN A DANGEROUS POSITION RIGHT NOW

DON'T LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS
HOLD OUT FOR A BIT
LOOK HERE!!
ENDURE IT JUST A
BIT LONGER!!
DETECTIVE
CHOI!!
SOMEONE HELP!
QUICKLY!!

삐 뽀 삐 뽀
SFX PIPO
SFX RUMBLE
덜커.
덜커.
덜 커.

SFX RUMBLE
덜커.
덜커.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?
SOMEPLACE WHERE NOBODY KNOWS US
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

SFX VROOM
빠아아앙
SOMEWHERE
YOU CAN BE FREE...
SFX FOUR
쏴아아아아

SFX: OPEN
피이
SFX: POUR
처어어어

THE FUNERAL SERVICE WAS AS LONELY AS MR.SHIN WAS

THAT PERSON
STOPPED MY BLEEDING
HE SAVED MY LIFE
EVERYONE_
LOST TOO MUCH

KYUNG DO WAS THE MASTER OF THE BOOK, RIGHT?
SO HOW WAS THE BOOK ABLE TO BREAK HIS COMMANDS AND KILL MEDICAL EXAMINER SHIN?
BUT... THE WEIRD THING IS...
FROM EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD THUS FAR, THAT BOOK DOESN'T HAVE ANY FREE WILL.
AND THE STRANGEST THING OF ALL IS...

THE FORM OF THE BOOK THAT MEDICAL EXAMINER SHIN WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS A LITTLE GIRL
BUT THE FORM OF THE BOOK WE KNOW WAS A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE THAT BOOK... IS GROWING?

THIS MORNING, A DEAD BODY CAME IN ...
THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS TRAUMA FROM FALLING OFF A TRAIN-
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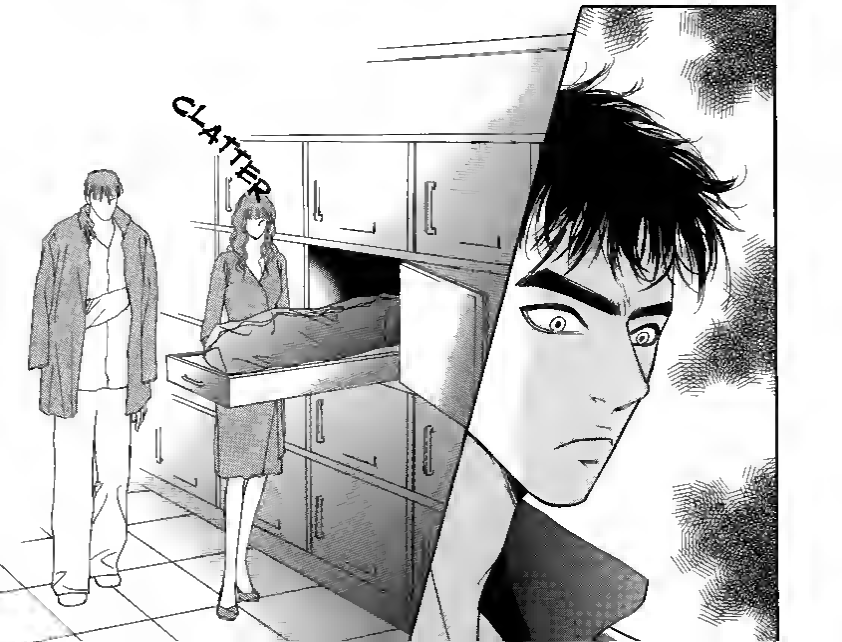
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WHAT... HOW
ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY, KYUNG DO WAS SITTING WITH A GIRL THE WHOLE TIME...
AND THAT GIRL WASN'T A HIGH SCHOOLER BUT A MATURE WOMAN IN HER 20S...
THEN THAT MEANS...
IT IS GROWING AFTER ALL SHE MUST BE IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FORM NOW TOO

WHAT WAS THE LAST
THING YOU SAW

덜컹
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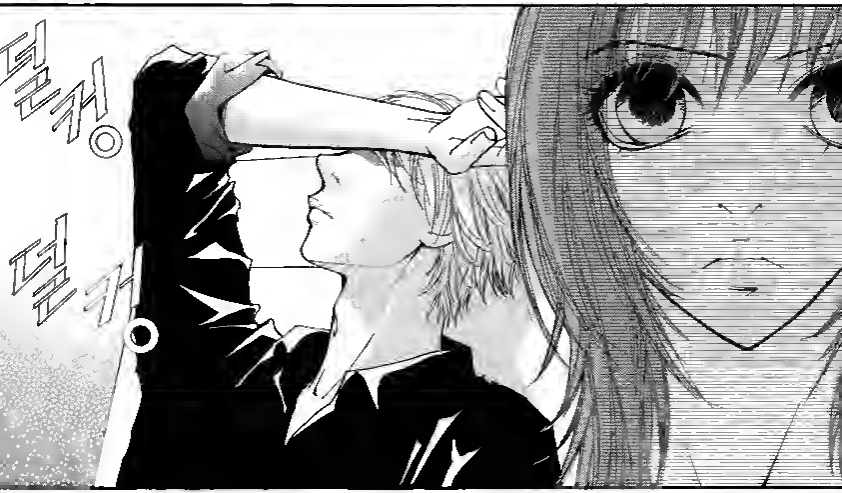
SFX RUMBLE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스륵
SFX GROW
덜컹◎
스르륵
덜컹◎
스르르르

IS MY ROLE
OVER NOW?

FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU NEVER NEEDED A MASTER.
RIGHT?
YOU JUST... NEEDED SOMEONE WHO'D... OPEN THE FIRST PAGE, AND CLOSE THE LAST.
AND... THE CONTENTS INSIDE THE BOOK WERE INDEED OF YOUR OWN WILL...

YOU'RE
HELL ITSELF...

COME
TO THE IMMORTAL WORLD WITH ME.

NO...
I'M GOING TO FINISH UP MY FATE ON MY OWN

빠아아아
SFX ZOOM
THUNDER
THUNDER
아아아아아
SFX ZOOM

덜커
SFX: RUMBLE
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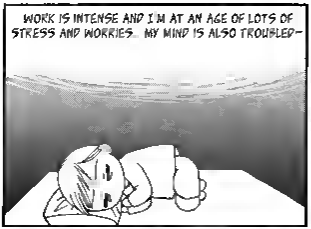
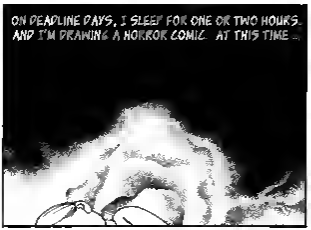
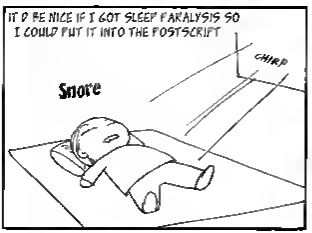
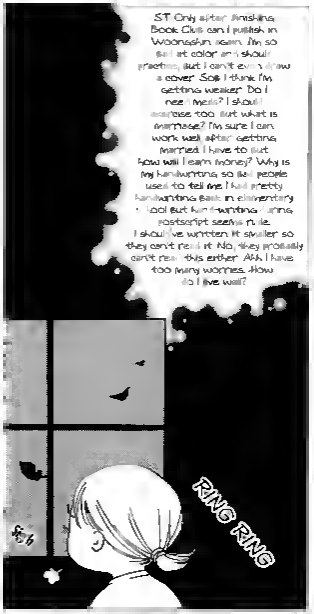







ST Only after finishing Book Club can I publish in Woongjin. Learn. I'm so sad at color and I should practice, but I can't even draw a cover. So I think I'm getting weaker. Do I need... help? I should exercise, too. But what is exercise? I'm sure I can work well after getting married. I have to but how will I earn money? Why is my handwriting so like people used to tell me I had pretty handwriting back in elementary school but hurt handwriting... Anna postscript seems rude. I should've written it smaller so they can't read it. No, they probably can't read this either. Ah, I have too many worries. How do I live well?
RING RING

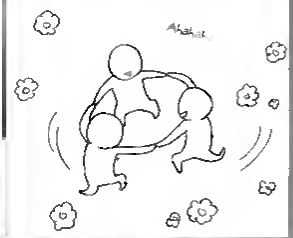
MA. WRITER, IS THE MANUSCRIPT GOING WELL—
YES. OF COURSE. THERE'S 3 DAYS LEFT RIGHT?
Dash
THE YEARS PROCEED TO PASS ONE STEP AT A TIME FOR ME... SO I'M TAKING CARE OF URGENT BUSINESSES FIRST

THE ONE YEAR SPENT DRAWING <BOOK CLUB>
I'VE LOOKED BACK AT THE TIME THAT FELT
SHORT AND LONG AT THE SAME TIME~

THE BEAUTIFUL JOURNALIST MS. LEE WHO DIDN'T HOLD BACK ON ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT

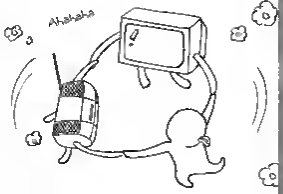
WRITER CHO, WHO ACTED AS MY SENIOR BOTH IN COMICS AND LIFE

IN MY OPINION, WE THREE HAD PRETTY DECENT TEAMWORK.



THE ONES WHO HELPED ME THROUGH MY LONESOME WORK...

MY FRIENDS TV AND RADIO



I don't have a cat anymore; T_T

AH AND I HAVE A HUSBAND NOW

THANK YOU ALL FOR LOVING <BOOK CLUB> ALL THIS TIME~

Episode 1 I'm embarrassing?

Postscript from Joo Hee Cho

DURING THE COURSE OF 1 YEAR (WHICH ISN'T A VERY SHORT TIME) MANY THINGS HAD HAPPENED
I BECAME PART OF A 4-PERSON FAMILY
WRITER SUH BECAME HAPPILY MARRIED...
You'll become like this soon
YOU COULD SAY THAT I WAS SHOWN A RAY OF LIGHT-LIKE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A BARREN SUNJEONG MANHWA*
THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE?
AND AT LAST, MY FIRST NOVEL-LENGTH BOOK WAS COMPLETED~
THESE ARE MY BOOKS?
Proud
Proud
KYAAAK~!
IT'S TOO EMBARRASSING! EMBARRASSING!
*TN: SAME AS SHOJO MANGA
THE FREE 19 VOLUMES THAT THE WRITER GETS
PLEASE GIVE THEM AS PRESENTS TO THOSE CLOSE TO YOU
1 * FIGHT * EVEN * GIVE OUT * ONE!!!
15 coasters for 15 beer nots
AM I EMBARRASSING?
FURTHERMORE
I SAW YOUR BOOK-
NO! NO! IT'S SOMEONE WITH A THE SAME NAME I ALRIGHT?!
Strands nerve strands inflammation
I WANT TO OVERCOME MY EMBARRASSMENT

Episode 2 Thank you ♡

SPECIAL THANKS NO 1 WRITER SUH!
I GET WORRIED IF YOU DON'T HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHAPTER TO FALL BACK ON
Sincere
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HER CHARM POINTS ARE HER ELEGANT HAND GESTURES AND HER MYSTERIOUS SMILE
AND SHE'S A HORROR WRITER...
SHE'S SOMEHOW SCARY...
Sorrisio
Sorrisio
SPECIAL THANKS NO. 2 MS. REPORTER
HALF THE MANUSCRIPT FEE IS MINE!
CORRECT.
SHE FIXED MY STORY A LOT...
AND GAVE DRASTIC ADVICE...
ISN'T THIS TOO RATED !?
Hohoho.
MS. WRITER?
SOMETHING MORE, MORE, MORE STRONG! LET'S GO STRONGER!
I'm still thirsty!
SCARY!!
AND MY PARENTS
THIS KIND OF MANHWA IS STILL A SECRET FROM MY PARENTS
AH... WE SAW YOUR MANHWA.
WHAT?!
IT'S PILED UP RIGHT HERE...
You dared to embarrassed of us...
THAT MANHWA'S QUITE...
Ah
Ha
DON'T SPEAK ANYMORE!!
MY PARENTS WRINKLES GOT DEEPER
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING~

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